

## MDPB Minutes January 17, 2001

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, E. Smith

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Rick Petrie

Guests: J. Regis, B. Dunwoody, P. Marcolini

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 11/17/00	None	Adopted	None.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>			
1. PA's/NP's in ems	Diaz has initiated discussions with the Downeast PA group for a policy statement on their behalf. They are interested in crafting a policy with the MDPB. Considerable discussion to restricting PA implementation to a defined "remote" area for the state. MDPB members expressed support for this concept.	None	Diaz will work on this issue offline and develop discussion to be disseminated to MDPB. <b><u>Item for Spring Agenda.</u></b>
2. Standardization of MDPB reviews for protocols, devices, interfacility.	Discussion regarding this topic and members support of standardizing the process for bringing new protocols or devices to mdpb. Discussion of "typical" track for protocols and devices and "fasttrack." Also discussion of device reviews at the discretion of the state medical director – who will have discretion over approving devices that meet the guidelines of previously approved devices vs bringing to mdpb for full review new technology or devices. Deadline for submitting reviews will be 30 days in advance of meeting. New protocols will require the "Review" of the regional medical director.	Plan adopted. Protocols for fast track vs typical treatment protocols will be at the discretion of the state medical director and the voting mdpb members. Typical review will occur at the annual March MDPB meeting. Fasttrack may occur monthly. Devices and interfacility protocols will be reviewed at annual May MDPB meeting with same fasttrack option.	Burton will communicate schedule to the Maine EMS journal. Also, Maine EMS and medical directors should disseminate and adhere to schedule. Burton will distribute protocol review assignments at the February meeting of the mdpb.
	Reviewed proposed ET protocol.		Burton will amend and return

<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p>1. Endotracheal Intubation protocol.</p> <p>2. Lifelight of Maine Update by Dr. Hopperstead</p> <p>3. Vfib protocol.</p> <p>4. Legislative review</p>	<p>Discussion regarding ETCO2 and EDD merits for initial evaluation of tube placement as well as continuous monitoring.</p> <p>1 hour discussion with Dr. Hopperstead reviewing Lifelight operations to date. Items for discussion included skill use and QI, times, runs to date vs requests, regional activation by paramedics, LMA use by LOM.</p> <p>Kendall and Burton discussed results of their review and solicited input from members. Extensive literature review has taken place as well as cost assessment for the state – this data was discussed at length. Options for the new vfib protocol were discussed with members strongly supporting the adoption of amiodarone as the first line antiarrhythmic in refractory vfib. Further data review will take place as it becomes available. Use of Procainamide and Vasopressin rejected, awaiting further information and data. Biphasic and newer energies adopted.</p> <p>Items for this session's legislature reviewed with Bradshaw.</p>	<p>None.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Motion (Kendall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smith) to adopt proposed vfib protocol for implementation with new protocol book in fall 2001 – no further discussion: 5 in favor, 0 against.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>at next meeting for full approval. <b><u>Item for February agenda.</u></b></p> <p>LOM will continue to work with Maine EMS and regions to assure appropriate utilization and implementation of services and expeditious treatment.</p> <p>The new vfib protocol will be adopted as voted and approved. Further analysis will take place as new data comes available in the literature.</p> <p>None.</p>
--	--	---	--

<b><u>Other Business</u></b> 1.Decert/recert/cert		. None.	<b><u>Return of AG opinion in February.</u></b>
Protocols			<b><u>Assignments in February for March review.</u></b>
Tabled: MDPB policy re: exceptional patients requiring off protocol meds.			<b><u>Item for February Agenda</u></b>
Next meeting 2/21/2001 (0930 - 1230)			